

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1642**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 04853.0111-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Nobohiko NOMURA et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 1642 |
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| Application No.: 10/765,048 |) | Examiner: Brandon J. FETTEROLF |
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| Filed: January 28, 2004 |) | |
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| For: APOPTOSIS INDUCER AND |) | Confirmation No.: 9606 |
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now reply to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.